

HOUSE BILL 1909
By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, relative to surgical technologists.

WHEREAS, the surgical technologist is educated using the medical model; and

WHEREAS, the surgical technologist is educated and trained to the specific tasks required in surgical services; and

WHEREAS, the surgical technologist is educated to provide patient care anywhere invasive therapeutic or diagnostic procedures are performed; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, is amended by adding sections 2 through 5 as a new chapter thereto:

SECTION 2. Surgical technologists who have completed the certification process and procedures established by the Liaison Council on Certification for the Surgical Technologist (LCC-ST), including, but not limited to, accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), may register for certification with the office of health related boards.

SECTION 3. A candidate for certification shall submit an application accompanied by the required fees. The director of health related boards shall prescribe the form of application and the dates by which applications must be received.

SECTION 4. The director of health related boards may promulgate administrative rules pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5, to administer this chapter.

SECTION 5. Hospitals and other health care entities are encouraged to consider hiring surgical technologists who are certified and held to the standards set forth in this chapter.

SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared severable.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.